

Franklin County Justice Programs Unit Asset Inventory

Justice System Data Profile

Revised December 2001

This report provides an overview of data that describe trends and conditions in Franklin County that impact on the components of the justice system. The data was compiled for the Franklin County Justice Programs Unit by Community Research Partners as part of a project to prepare an asset inventory of justice programs in the county. The data and inventory provide a context for a strategic planning process to be undertaken by the Franklin County Criminal Justice Planning Board in December 2001.

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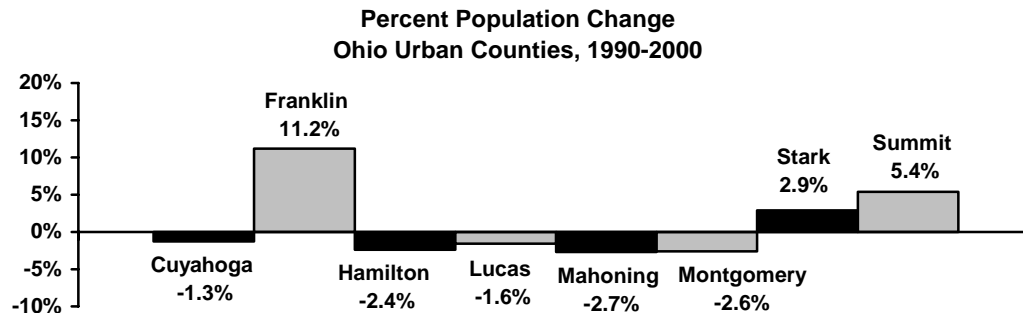
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Overview of Trends and Conditions

1. Franklin County is the **fastest growing urban county in Ohio**, with the population increasing from 961,437 in 1990 to 1,068,978 in 2000.
2. The Franklin County **population is aging**. The median age increased from 25.8 years in 1970 to 32.5 years in 2000. The greatest increase has been in the population age 35-59, while there has been a decrease in the 18-34 age group.
3. The number of people using the Juvenile and Domestic Court system requiring **language interpretation grew by 617%** between 1997 and 2000. The largest increase was in those speaking Spanish and Somalian.
4. The proportion of **youth in juvenile detention who are black is significantly greater than in the Franklin County population**. Black youth have had the highest rates of admission to JDC of any racial group since 1996.
5. There were **1,400 fewer juvenile arrests** by the Columbus Division of Police in 2000 than in 1996.
6. Total **admissions to the Juvenile Detention Center have decreased** by 19.2% between 1995 and 2000, and felony admissions were down by 33%.
7. There has been an **increase in Juvenile Court delinquent and unruly cases**.
8. **Domestic violence charges have declined** by 30.7% since the spike in 1996 after passage of H.B. 335.
9. There has been a **decrease in child abuse and neglect cases** substantiated and indicated, but an **increase in children in protective placement**.
10. After many years of decline, there have been **recent increases in violent crime offenses**, primarily because of increases in the numbers of robberies and aggravated assaults.
11. In 2000, there were about **147,000 cases handled by City of Columbus and Franklin County prosecutors**.
12. In 2000, over **267,000 cases were handled by Franklin County courts** (Municipal, Common Pleas General Division and Domestic/Juvenile).
13. The adult and juvenile **probation systems in Franklin County supervised over 25,000 cases** in 2000.
14. The Franklin County **average yearly jail population has increased** by 55% between 1990 and 2000. After declining for several years, **commitments to state prisons from Franklin County increased** by 21.5% between 1998 and 2000.
15. The offenses for which persons are most likely to be committed to state prisons in Ohio are **drug abuse, theft, burglary, trafficking in drugs and receiving stolen property**.
16. Residents **identified “crime” and “violence” most frequently** when asked about the most serious problems in Franklin County.

1. Franklin County Population

- Franklin County is the **fastest growing urban county in Ohio**, with the population increasing from 961,437 in 1990 to 1,068,978 in 2000.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000 Census of Population

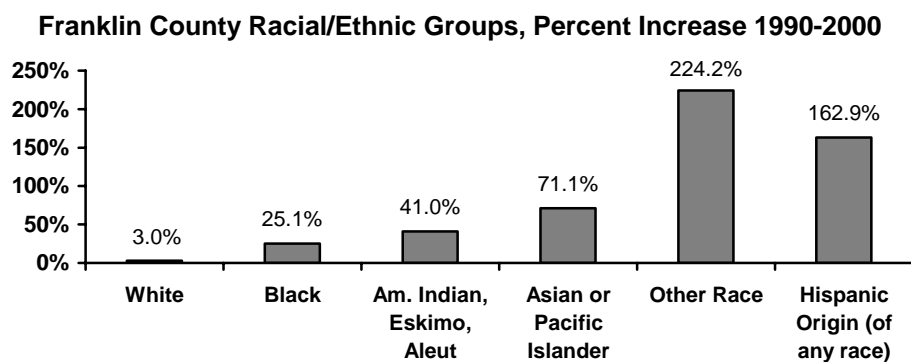
- The Franklin County **population is aging**. The median age increased from 25.8 years in 1970 to 32.5 years in 2000. The greatest increase has been in the population age 35-59, while there has been a decrease in the age 18-34 group.

Franklin County Population by Age Group, 1990-2000

Age Group	1990	2000	% Change
Under Age 10	141,058	154,761	+9.7%
Age 10-17	95,708	113,560	+18.7%
Age 18-34	321,867	308,545	-4.1%
Age 35-59	273,798	353,461	+29.1%
Age 60 and Over	129,006	138,651	+7.5%
Total	961,437	1,068,978	+11.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000 Census of Population

- The Franklin County **population is becoming more diverse**. Between 1990 and 2000, the Hispanic population increased by 162.9% and the black population increased by 25.1%, while the white population increase was only 3.0%.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000 Census of Population

2. Race and Ethnicity in the Justice System

- The number of people using the Juvenile and Domestic Court system requiring **language interpretation grew by 617%** between 1997 and 2000. The largest increase was in those speaking Spanish and Somalian.

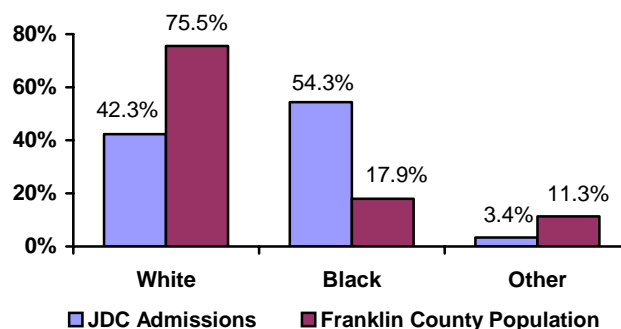
**Cases Requiring Language and Sign Interpretation
in the Franklin County Juvenile and Domestic Court, 1997-2000**

Language	1997	1998	1999	2000
• Arabic	0	0	0	7
• Cambodian	6	1	16	25
• Chinese	2	0	3	16
• Creole	1	0	0	0
• Ethiopian	9	1	16	23
• French	0	0	2	6
• German	0	0	0	1
• Korean	1	0	5	0
• Laotian	8	1	8	13
• Russian	0	0	1	6
• Somalian	0	0	30	76
• Spanish	21	27	75	164
• Swahili	0	0	2	0
• Turkish	0	0	1	0
• Vietnamese	0	1	3	7
• Sign Language	105	131	195	141
Total	153	162	357	485
Greatest Increases				

Source: Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch, Annual Reports, 2000

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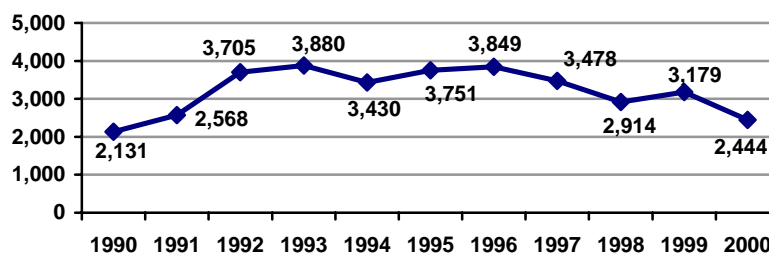
**Racial Composition of Juvenile Detention Center Admissions
and Franklin County Population, 2000**



3. Youth in the Justice System

- There were **1,405 fewer juvenile arrests** by the Columbus Division of Police in 2000 than in 1996.

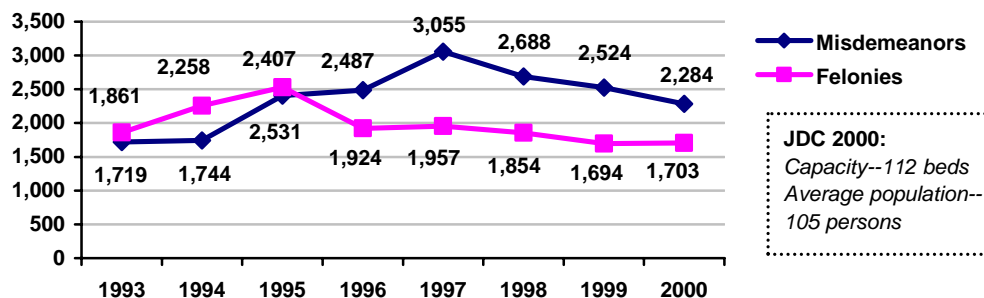
Columbus Division of Police Juvenile Arrests, 1990-2000



Source: Columbus Division of Police, 2000 Annual Report

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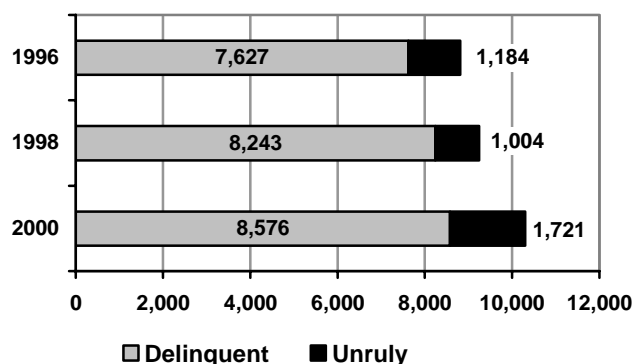
Felony and Misdemeanor Admissions to the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center, 1993-2000



Source: Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch, Annual Reports, 1996-2000

- There has been an **increase in Juvenile Court delinquent and unruly cases.**

Franklin County Delinquent and Unruly Youth Cases



Source: Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch, Annual Reports, 1996-2000

4. Family Violence

- Domestic violence charges have declined by 30.7% since the spike in 1996 after passage of H.B. 335.

Domestic Violence Charges Filed in Franklin County, 1993-2000

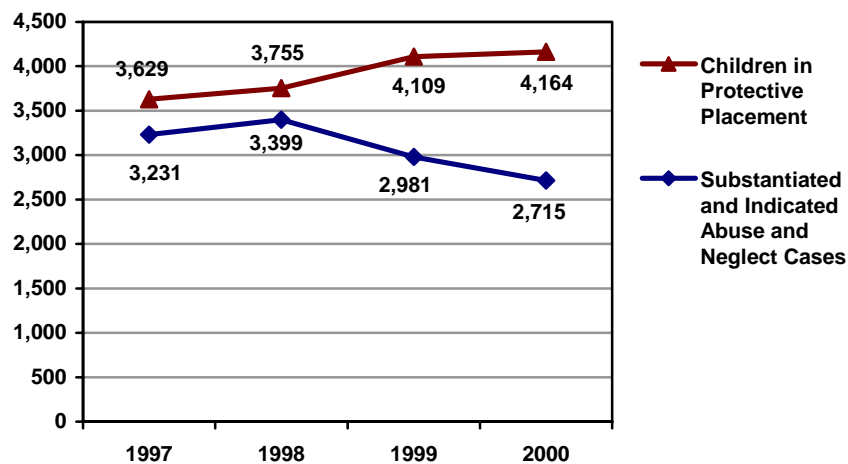
Year	Domestic Violence Charges	Violation of Protection Order Charges	Total DV/VPO Charges
1993	2,623	105	2,728
1994	2,907	88	2,995
1995 (1)	8,292	195	8,487
1996	8,544	212	8,756
1997	7,283	250	7,533
1998	6,896	304	7,200
1999	5,863	235	6,098
2000	5,920	367	6,287

(1) H.B. 335 Domestic Violence Preferred Arrest Policy became effective

Source: Columbus City Attorney's Office, Domestic Violence/Stalking Unit

- There has been a **decrease in child abuse and neglect cases** substantiated and indicated, but an **increase in children in protective placement**.

Franklin County Children in Protective Placement and Cases of Abuse and Neglect, 1997-2000



Source: Franklin County Children Services

5. Law Enforcement: City of Columbus & Franklin County Sheriff

- After many years of decline, there have been **recent increases in violent crime offenses**, primarily because of increases in the numbers of robberies and aggravated assaults.

Uniform Crime Index Part I Crime Offenses, 1995-2000

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	# Sworn Officers 2000	2000 Population
Columbus Div. of Police								
• Violent Crime (1)	6,626	↓ 6,217	↓ 5,986	↓ 5,402	↑ 5,756	↑ 5,994	1,796	711,470
• Property Crime (2)	52,089	↑ 54,867	↑ 56,453	↑ 57,207	↓ 55,537	↑ 57,099		
Franklin County Sheriff								
• Violent Crime	2,255	↓ 2,091	↓ 2,066	↓ 1,889	↓ 1,675	↑ 1,717	• 283 law enforcement • 298 corrections	1,068,978
• Property Crime	4,098	↑ 4,203	↑ 4,326	↓ 4,103	↓ 4,080	↑ 4,185		

(1) Violent Crime includes homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault

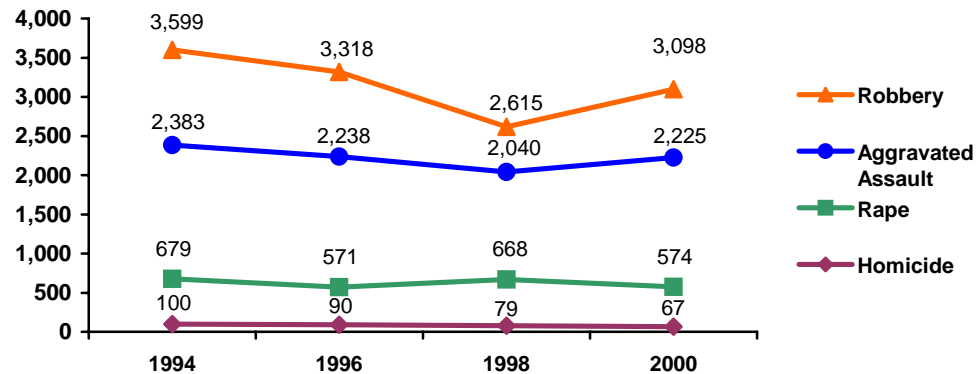
(2) Property crime includes burglary, theft/larceny and vehicle theft

↑ Trend from previous year

Sources:

- City of Columbus Division of Police, 1998-2000 Annual Reports
- Franklin County Sheriff's Office, 1996-2000 Annual Reports
- U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population

City of Columbus Violent Crime Offenses, 1994-2000



6. Law Enforcement: Selected Cities, Villages and Townships

Uniform Crime Index Part I Crime Offenses, 1995-1999

Jurisdiction	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	# Sworn Officers 1999	2000 Population
Dublin City							
• Violent Crime (1)	11	23	21	15	21	60	31,392
• Property Crime (2)	756	883	842	814	762		
Grove City							
• Violent Crime	38	42	51	43	64	44	27,075
• Property Crime	789	899	975	1,024	985		
Whitehall City							
• Violent Crime	491	488	458	386	464	45	19,201
• Property Crime	1,522	1,567	1,493	1,437	1,526		
Valleyview Village							
• Violent Crime	3	1	2	5	1	1 FT, 9 PT	601
• Property Crime	209	192	171	138	152		
Urbancrest Village							
• Violent Crime	15	0	15	6	11	0	868
• Property Crime	285	288	318	296	216		
Mifflin Township							
• Violent Crime	17	15	17	28	3	17	35,787
• Property Crime	239	246	187	201	216		
Hamilton Township							
• Violent Crime	57	11	14	15	13	0	7,950
• Property Crime	920	1,003	1,090	1,068	1,024		

(1) Violent Crime includes homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault

(2) Property crime includes burglary, theft/larceny, vehicle theft and arson

Sources:

- FBI Index of Crime, 1995-2000
- Franklin County Sheriff's Office
- Dublin Police Department
- Mifflin Township Police Department
- Valleyview Village Police Department
- Whitehall Police Department
- U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population

7. Profile of Prosecution, Court and Probation Systems

Prosecution

	# of Prosecuting Attorneys	Annual Cases, 2000
Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office	101	Criminal Division—7,357 Juvenile Division—22,000 Civil Division--273
Columbus City Attorney's Office	30	116,900 misdemeanor cases

Sources:

- *Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office*
- *City Attorney's Office*

Courts

	Jurisdiction	# of Judges	Annual Cases, 2000
Franklin County Municipal Court	Misdemeanor offenses; traffic cases; civil actions up to \$15,000	15	Criminal—32,642 Traffic—113,180 Civil—44,848 Environmental—7,040
Franklin County Court of Common Pleas • General Division	Civil and criminal cases; appeals from most administrative agencies	16	Civil—19,705 Criminal—12,408
Franklin County Court of Common Pleas • Division of Domestic Relations & Juvenile Branch	Domestic Relations: Divorces and dissolutions; support and child custody cases Juvenile Branch: Offenses involving minors; most paternity actions	5	Domestic Relations—12,368 Juvenile—26,434

Sources:

- *Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch, Annual Report 2000*
- *Franklin County Municipal Court, 2000 Annual Report*
- *Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, 2000 Annual Report*

Probation

	# of Probation Officers	Annual Cases Supervised, 2000
Franklin County Municipal Court	36	Approx. 14,000
Franklin County Court of Common Pleas • General Division	58	10,414
Franklin County Court of Common Pleas • Juvenile Branch	38	2,005

Sources:

- *Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch, Annual Report 2000, and Juvenile Probation Department*
- *Franklin County Municipal Court, 2000 Annual Report*
- *Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, 2000 Annual Report*

8. Incarceration

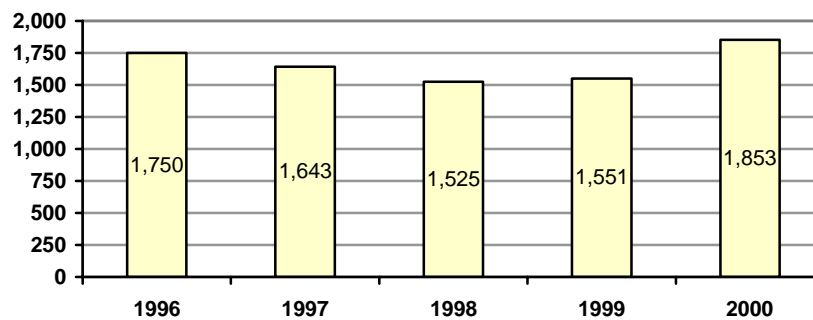
- The Franklin County **average yearly jail population** has increased by 55% between 1990 and 2000. After declining for several years, **commitments to state prisons from Franklin County** increased by 21.5% between 1998 and 2000.

Average Yearly Jail Population
Franklin County Correctional Facilities, 1995-2001

	1990	1995	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 (Jan-July)
Jail Population	1,274	1,463	1,610	1,806	1,879	1,982	1,975
• FCCI—643-bed minimum/medium security							
• FCCCII—643 bed maximum security							

Source: Franklin County Sheriff's Office, 1996-2000 Annual Reports

Commitments to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
from Franklin County, State Fiscal Years 1996-2000



Source: Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Fiscal Year 1996-2000 Commitment Reports

- The offenses for which persons are most likely to be committed to state prisons in Ohio are **drug abuse, theft, burglary, trafficking in drugs and receiving stolen property**.

Characteristics of Males and Females at Intake to
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Prisons, 1998

	Males	Females
Unemployed	45.5%	66.2%
Not a High School Graduate or GED	53.3%	46.6%
Indication of Physical Abuse as a Child or Adolescent	9.4%	16.9%
Indication of Sexual Abuse as a Child or Adolescent	4.4%	25.4%
History of Mental Health Problems	19.4%	40.3%
History of Drug Abuse	80.1%	42.1%
History of Alcohol Abuse	60.5%	50.7%

Source: Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, 1998 Intake Study, May 2001 (8.8% of sample were from Franklin County)

9. Community Perceptions of Crime and Safety

- Residents **identified “crime” and “violence” most frequently** when asked about the most serious problems in Franklin County.

United Way 2001 Caring Report Community Concerns Survey

What is the most serious problem in Franklin County?

- 124 respondents (23.1%) cited “crime/violence” in response to this open-ended question. This was the most frequently identified problem identified by respondents. Another 73 cited a variety of safety-related problems, including drugs, juvenile delinquents/gangs, justice system/lack of police/harassment from police, theft, gun control, prostitution and drunk driving.

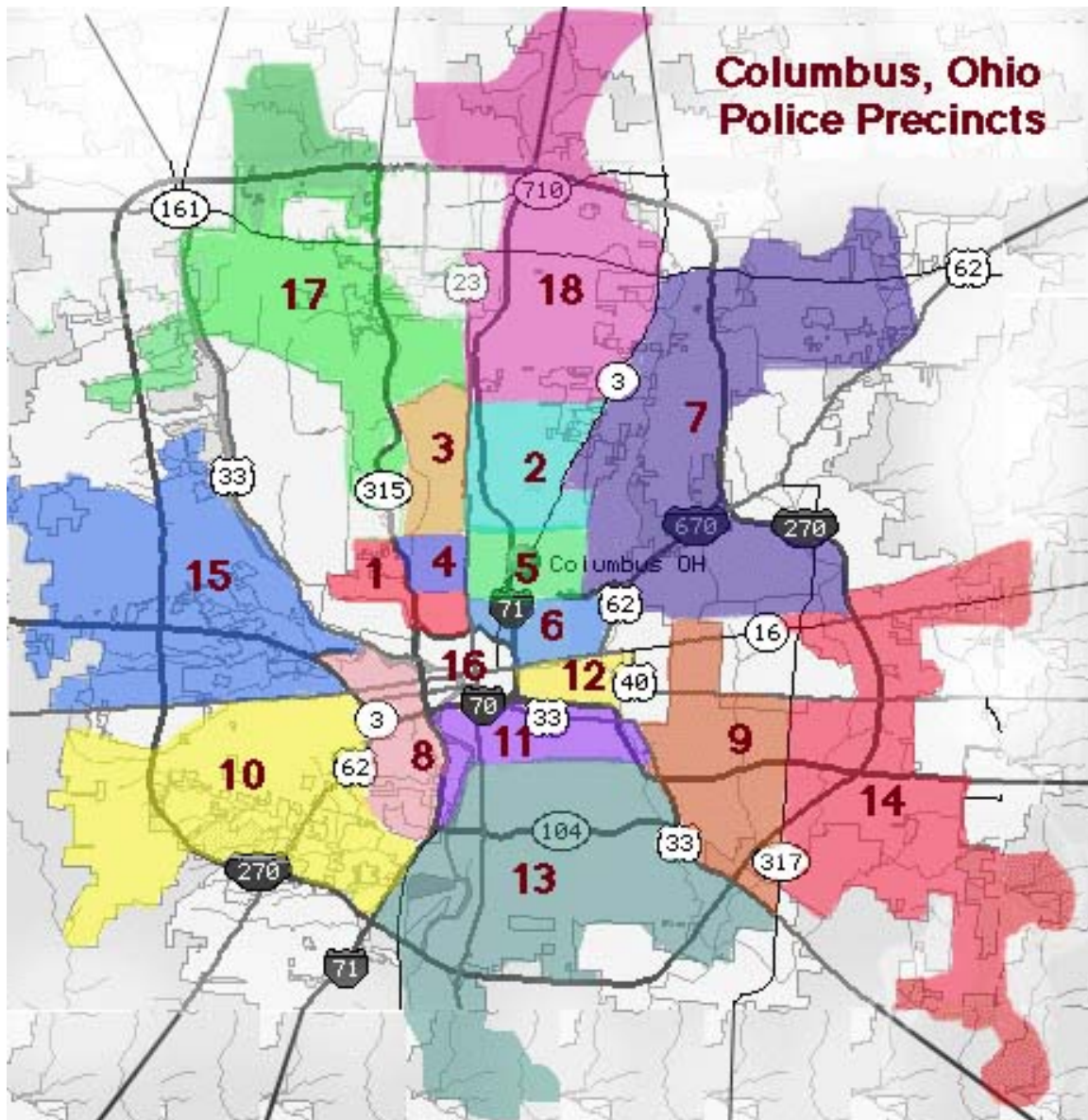
Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
When I am home my neighbors keep their eyes open for trouble at my place.	32.2%	48.5%	9.5%	7.6%	1.1%	0.9%
If there was a fight in my neighborhood and someone was being beaten-up, my neighbors would intervene or call the police.	36.2%	51.5%	5.8%	3.4%	1.9%	1.3%
When I am alone at night I feel safe.	23.3%	51.7%	7.8%	11.9%	3.9%	1.3%
It is safe for my children to be out alone at night in my neighborhood.	8.4%	29.7%	11.0%	38.1%	11.4%	1.5%
In the next 12 months, I believe my home is in danger of being burglarized or broken into.	2.8%	15.5%	14.9%	51.1%	15.5%	0.2%
In the next 12 months, I feel I am at risk of being attacked or robbed in my neighborhood.	1.9%	7.6%	10.8%	59.3%	20.3%	0.0%
In the next 12 months, I feel like I am at risk of being physically abused (hit, kicked or physically hurt) by someone I know.	1.1%	1.9%	3.2%	53.0%	40.3%	0.6%
Family violence is a serious problem for at least one person I know in my neighborhood.	1.9%	11.4%	12.5%	52.4%	19.6%	2.2%
I feel safe from physical harm when I am at work.	22.8%	41.6%	5.0%	6.5%	2.1%	22.0%
Violence is a serious problem in my neighborhood.	2.4%	8.4%	6.3%	55.6%	26.9%	0.4%

Source: United Way of Central Ohio, 2001 Caring Report, random sample telephone survey of 536 Franklin County residents during December 2000 and January 2001.

Appendix:

Crime Statistics for City of Columbus Precincts

Sources: City of Columbus, Division of Police, Strategic Response Bureau
City of Columbus, Department of Development, Planning Office



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Analysis of Columbus Crime Trends by Precinct, 1995-2000

Precinct and Neighborhoods	Population 1990	Population 2000	Crime Type	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	6-Year Average	% of 2000 Columbus Population	% of 2000 Columbus Crime
Precinct 1 Weinland Park, Harrison West, Victorian Village, Italian Village, Penn West, and Thurber Village	20,167	18,763	Violent	284	258	213	198	184	196	222		3.25%
			Non-Violent	2,050	2,080	1,970	2,285	1,927	1,889	2,034		3.54%
			Total	2,334	2,338	2,183	2,483	2,111	2,085	2,256	2.64%	3.28%
Precinct 2 Arlington Park, North Linden, Audobon Park, Pontiac Park, Linden Park, and Kenlawn Park	42,604	41,220	Violent	486	464	459	418	502	399	455		6.61%
			Non-Violent	3,278	3,502	3,605	3,653	3,381	3,706	3,521		6.44%
			Total	3,764	3,966	4,064	4,071	3,883	4,105	3,976	5.79%	6.46%
Precinct 3 Clintonville, Beechwold, The Knolls, and University City	49,658	48,885	Violent	88	56	82	91	78	125	87		2.07%
			Non-Violent	1,596	1,696	1,715	1,529	1,676	1,730	1,657		3.00%
			Total	1,684	1,752	1,797	1,620	1,754	1,855	1,744	6.87%	2.92%
Precinct 4 Weinland Park, Glen Echo, and the University Area	43,469	38,650	Violent	469	419	460	447	449	430	446		7.13%
			Non-Violent	3,481	3,559	4,142	4,267	3,484	3,819	3,792		6.64%
			Total	3,950	3,978	4,602	4,714	3,933	4,249	4,238	5.43%	6.69%
Precinct 5 Windsor Terrace, Brittany Hills, Duxberry Park, Rosewind, South Linden, Teakwood Hts, AmerCrest, Argyle Park, Brentnell, and Devon Triangle Orrile Hts.	24,045	19,531	Violent	480	434	366	350	307	276	369		4.57%
			Non-Violent	2,040	1,884	1,908	1,944	1,792	1,639	1,868		2.85%
			Total	2,520	2,318	2,274	2,294	2,099	1,915	2,237	2.75%	3.01%
Precinct 6 Nelson Park, East Gate, and Beatty Park	15,915	14,963	Violent	467	424	352	325	380	378	388		6.26%
			Non-Violent	1,739	1,670	1,776	1,880	1,766	1,719	1,758		2.99%
			Total	2,206	2,094	2,128	2,205	2,146	2,097	2,146	2.10%	3.30%

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Precinct and Neighborhoods	Population 1990	Population 2000	Crime Type	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	6-Year Average	% of 2000 Columbus Population	% of 2000 Columbus Crime
Precinct 7 Little Turtle, Somerset, Strawberry Farms, Broadview Farms, Cumberland Ridge, West Albany, and Hampstead Village	33,486	45,788	Violent	250	227	197	201	214	225	219		3.73%
			Non-Violent	2,302	2,453	2,628	2,864	3,109	3,165	2,754		5.50%
			Total	2,552	2,680	2,825	3,065	3,323	3,390	2,973	6.44%	5.33%
Precinct 8 Franklinton, Riverside Bradley, and Southpark	17,760	15,914	Violent	404	388	359	339	377	430	383		7.13%
			Non-Violent	2,158	2,216	2,175	2,293	2,430	2,333	2,268		4.06%
			Total	2,562	2,604	2,534	2,632	2,807	2,763	2,650	2.24%	4.35%
Precinct 9 Berwick	46,832	47,290	Violent	480	483	472	457	520	542	492		8.98%
			Non-Violent	3,511	3,807	3,975	3,840	3,539	3,770	3,740		6.56%
			Total	3,991	4,290	4,447	4,297	4,059	4,312	4,233	6.65%	6.79%
Precinct 10 Hilltop, Westgate, Holly Hills, Riverbend, Georgian Hts., Country Brook, Riverpoint, Hardesty, Westwood Village, and Wilshire	41,239	60,632	Violent	546	533	503	442	448	511	497		8.47%
			Non-Violent	5,136	5,924	5,767	5,109	5,464	5,752	5,525		10.00%
			Total	5,682	6,457	6,270	5,551	5,912	6,263	6,023	8.52%	9.86%
Precinct 11 German Village, Driving Park, and Schumacher Place	29,033	26,330	Violent	519	495	474	362	369	372	432		6.17%
			Non-Violent	3,238	3,263	3,321	3,216	3,123	3,195	3,226		5.56%
			Total	3,757	3,758	3,795	3,578	3,492	3,567	3,658	3.70%	5.61%
Precinct 12 Old Town East, Bryden Rd Historic District, Old Oak Historic District, Driving Park	16,692	14,235	Violent	648	575	466	449	395	381	486		6.31%
			Non-Violent	2,303	1,995	2,086	2,038	1,920	1,930	2,045		3.36%
			Total	2,951	2,570	2,552	2,487	2,315	2,311	2,531	2.00%	3.64%

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Precinct 13 Southern Pines, Southfied, Scioto Village, Madison Mills, Three Rivers, Hamilton Hts., Lincoln Park, Cross Pointe, and Oak Village	38,902	41,784	Violent	432	392	431	336	385	411	398	5.87%	6.81%
			Non-Violent	3,175	3,227	3,185	3,219	3,246	3,412	3,244		5.93%
			Total	3,607	3,619	3,616	3,555	3,631	3,823	3,642		6.02%
Precinct 14 Independence Village, and Walnut Hills	38,477	60,035	Violent	201	186	252	198	275	326	240	8.44%	5.40%
			Non-Violent	3,871	4,058	3,907	4,191	3,852	3,923	3,967		6.82%
			Total	4,072	4,244	4,159	4,389	4,127	4,249	4,207		6.69%
Precinct 15 No neighborhood noted	13,416	40,622	Violent	139	150	142	119	173	181	151	5.71%	3.00%
			Non-Violent	2,385	2,573	2,942	2,861	3,020	3,083	2,896		5.36%
			Total	2,524	2,723	3,084	2,980	3,193	3,264	2,961		5.14%
Precinct 16 Downtown	3,060	2,973	Violent	322	334	206	279	300	318	293	0.42%	5.27%
			Non-Violent	2,908	3,535	4,140	4,175	4,071	3,871	3,783		6.73%
			Total	3,230	3,869	4,346	4,454	4,371	4,189	4,077		6.59%
Precinct 17 Bluffsvew, Foxboro, Indian Hills, McKitrick Estates, Olde Sawmill, Olentangy Highlands, Riverside Green, Saddlebrook, Stilson Highlands, Summitview Woods, Western Hills, and Worthington Hills	58,086	66,609	Violent	84	82	96	75	100	104	90	9.36%	1.72%
			Non-Violent	2,965	3,018	3,211	3,208	3,006	3,041	3,075		5.29%
			Total	3,049	3,100	3,307	3,283	3,106	3,145	3,165		4.95%
Precinct 18 No neighborhood noted	69,328	78,067	Violent	353	330	372	346	333	431	361	10.97%	7.14%
			Non-Violent	4,922	5,274	4,987	5,653	5,183	5,526	5,258		9.61%
			Total	5,275	5,604	5,359	5,999	5,516	5,957	5,618		9.38%

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Precinct and Neighborhoods	Population 1990	Population 2000	Crime Type	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	6-Year Average	% of 2000 Columbus Population	% of 2000 Columbus Crime
Columbus City Total			Violent	6,626	6,217	5,986	5,402	5,789	6,034	6,009		100.00%
			Non-Violent	53,004	55,675	57,231	48,020	55,989	57,503	54,570		100.00%
	632,910	711,470	Total	59,630	61,892	63,217	53,422	61,778	63,537	60,579	95.90%	100.00%